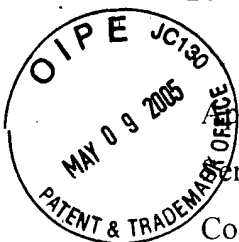


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 THEREOF, AND MAGNETIC  
 DISK APPARATUS  
 Art Unit: 1773  
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AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL

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Transmitted herewith is a communication regarding the above-identified application.

Fee Calculation For Claims As Amended

	As Amended	Previously Paid For	Present Extra	Rate	Additional Fee
Total Claims	<u>20</u> -	<u>27</u> =	<u>0</u>	x \$50.00 =	\$
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Fee for Multiple Dependent Claims				\$360.00 =	\$
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(X) Amendment E.

(X) Request for Continued Examination (in duplicate) with a check for \$790.00.

(X) Petition for Revival of an Application for Patent Abandoned Unintentionally Under 37 C.F.R. 1.137(b) (in duplicate) with a check for \$1,500.00.

(X) If a Petition under 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a) for an extension of time for response is required to make the attached response timely and does not separately accompany this transmittal, Applicant(s) hereby petition(s) under 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a) for an extension of time for response in the above-identified application for the period required to make the attached response timely.

(X) The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required to this application under 37 C.F.R. §§1.16-1.17, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 07-2069. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

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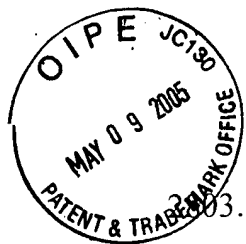
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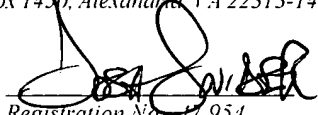
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### AMENDMENT E

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Dear Sir:

In response to the Advisory Action mailed April 15, 2005, and pursuant to the Request for Continued Examination filed concurrently herewith, please amend the above-identified Application as follow: